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There will be better news from France in due time.

Perhaps the allies may have an offensive or two up their sleeves.

The German offensive came just at the right time to give a big boost to the third Liberty loan. If we don't stop the Germans in Europe we shall have to stop them on the North American continent.

The Morrisville Messenger says that Secretary of State Frederick G. Fleetwood will not be a candidate for lieutenant governor "under any circumstances." That corroborated the general impression throughout Vermont.

Among the comments on newspaper-making in St. Johnsbury it ought to be stated that Charles Walter is putting out a fine weekly newspaper with his Republican. Each weekly issue is crammed with interesting matter and in other ways is a distinct credit to Vermont journalism.

The United States makes a sizeable addition to its merchant marine by the taking over of the Dutch vessels now held in American ports. Holland will not be the financial loser, it is expected, because she is likely to receive full compensation for all ships destroyed. That is better than leaving the vessels to rot in harbor.

Secretary McAdoo wants every boy and girl in Vermont to buy at least one thrift stamp a week from now to the close of the year. He has not said it, but he undoubtedly wants every grown-up in Vermont to buy as many as five thrift stamps a week. We must do it in order to bring Vermont's purchase of these securities up to the state's quota.

It is reported that the sale of thrift stamps is lagging a little in Vermont, but the campaign isn't over yet. When the returns are all in we shall be surprised if Vermont hasn't reached her quota and gone beyond. The people may be a little slow in realizing what a good investment these savings stamps are, but it's coming and they'll soon purchase their good share.—Lyndon item.

The stamps are good investments in two ways, good for their financial value and good for their possibilities for developing patriotism in young and old. Moreover, a thrift stamp a day will keep the kaiser away.

The action of a few German soldiers in deserting and surrendering themselves to a small body of Americans out in No Man's land on a patrol expedition cannot be taken as significant of any marked weakening in the morale of the German army at this time. It is probably more likely that these few men were never enthusiastic about their work and were forced into the fighting by reason of the fact that they were caught in the clutches of the Prussian military machine, quitting the service at a time when they came across a good opportunity. It may be that they were among the new recruits being constantly brought into the army service of the German nation and not yet imbued with the do-or-die spirit of the veteran soldier. So the American people should not place too much significance on the report which came from the American army headquarters Friday, not that the report was not true but because it was a slight incident of war. When the Germans begin to flock over in whole companies it can be put down for a fact that the German morale is at a low ebb.

THE NEWS FROM THE FRONT—WHAT IT MEANS TO US.

While, admittedly, the early reports of the great battle in northern France are somewhat depressing from the viewpoint of the allies, it must be borne in mind that a great offensive, such as this undoubtedly is on the part of the Germans, invariably sweeps ahead at the outset of the clash through sheer weight of the tremendous momentum of the attack. It has happened time after time

on both sides of the titanic struggle, since 1914, that the side starting the offensive has met with success at the opening of the movement, only to become slowed up and then halted entirely as the defense recovered from the shock of the impact. The British and the French have held up the Germans before and at times when the conditions were not so favorable for the allies as they are at present. The German machine with show of prodigious strength in the initial stages of the conflict has heretofore gained headway and raised the dickens, generally, but has been eventually held up at a point short of the desired objective. Therefore, the peoples of the allied nations should not become greatly depressed over the news that is coming from France.

From the American viewpoint there is a very sobering influence from the contemplation of the early phases of the battle. We are shown conclusively how we blundered in not beginning our war preparations when the time was ripe for starting them, by which blundering we are not now in a position to render the measure of aid that the British and the French were entitled to receive from us in the moment of greatest stress. It is true that we have a considerable army already in France and a fair amount of equipment, but after a year's time we are far, far short of the condition in which we should find ourselves. However, there is little use to cry over spilt milk. There is work ahead, immediately ahead. That work is the speeding up of war efforts to the utmost, no longer to delude ourselves with the German-bred thought that peace will come pretty soon anyway and that it would be energy wasted for the United States to put her full soul into the work. We (the American people, not merely the government) must realize that the hideous military monster across the sea will not be crushed to earth until we lend our complete co-operation. The time to cease our war activity or to slow it down will be after the work is accomplished. Therefore, let's go to our work, as our own men and our allies' men are straining their efforts to scotch the viper. The lesson of the German offensive is "no slackering hereafter."

WRITES ABOUT GAS ATTACKS.

Private Roland N. Cragg Also Tells of Heroism By Two Comrades.

Private Roland N. Cragg, formerly of Barre, who is driving an ambulance in France, has written his grandmother, Mrs. Abbie J. Nason, under date of Feb. 25, that after a few days' rest he is preparing to go back to the front for the spring drive. He writes of the effect of a German gas attack and says: "Gas is a terrible thing. Of course, we have gas masks, but the worst of it all is that one cannot always tell when they are in some kinds of gas till he begins to get very sick; then he puts on his mask and drives on, with pain either in the chest or head, to the Poste or hospital and there receives treatment. "One of our boys had to go through gas as his patients were very bad and it was necessary to get to the hospital very quickly. It was thick gas and lay quite a fog between the two hills. Another of the boys waited on the hill for the gas to clear up a little. The first car soon was hidden from sight in the fog. After quite a time had passed, the boy on the hill had not seen the car come out and go over the next hill, so he went in to see into the trouble. He was just in time; the first car had been hit by a team drawn by frantic horses and wrecked, and the driver of our car was having trouble with his mask. It was leaking and he was almost ready to give in when the second car found him. He and his patients were taken by the driver of the second car to the hospital. For this act they were both awarded the Croix de Guerre (Cross of War). "We have many exciting experiences, but it is worth many dollars to one, if he comes through O. K., for this. I will never forget the time I have spent here. "To-day I received a box from dad and mother. There was lots of candy and eatables in it, as well as clothing. "The people do not realize, I fear, the joy which a boy over here gets out of a package or letter. Only a line written to us when we are working hard up at the front is enjoyed more than the sight of a German aeroplane being brought down. "Well, dear grandma, I am going back to the front in a few days to hard work, but I will write as often as possible."

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sible and I wish you would do likewise. "I'm very glad to hear that the Barre boys, a lot of them my close friends and schoolmates when I lived there, are going into the war so wholeheartedly. Please remember me to all my friends you see there."

WORCESTER

Red Cross Branch Formed Here, Mrs. Fred Howieson President.

A number were out Thursday at the meeting to organize a Red Cross chapter here, and quite an interest was shown. A local chapter was organized with the following officers: President, Mrs. Fred Howieson; secretary, Mrs. George Putnam; treasurer, Miss Frances Abbott; Miss Florence Cory, president of the Red Cross chapter in Montpelier, will be at the town hall in the near future to help the Worcester branch.

Lester Gray, with John Morley's team, took a party of young people, to the number of 16, to Montpelier to see the play, "Pollyanna." Miss Grace Holton and Miss Bessie Morse from Hardwick are guests of their aunt, Mrs. Frank Gonyea. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wheeler were in Plainfield Wednesday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Alice Hamblett. John Nelson, who is spending the winter in Barre, was in town the first of the week.

GRANITEVILLE

Grand Easter ball in Gilbert's hall, Graniteville, Monday evening, April 1. Music, Ericson's orchestra, three pieces. Refreshments served at 12 o'clock at regular price. Dancing from 8 to 2. Admission, \$1 a couple. Ladies free—adv.

MABEL SYRUP'S COLYUM

"To have a lively and not a staid countenance."—Truth of Intercourse.

"The time has come to conquer or submit. For us there is but one choice. We have made it."—President Wilson.

You May Fire Any Time, Now, Gridley.

It has been decided that the western front in France covers approximately 400 miles—this arrived after due study of the war map in the store of L. W. and L. L. Bloodgood—Catskill, N. Y., item.

7:30 p. m.—"The Man of the House, How to Train a Husband and Bring Up Father."—From the church notices. When did Jiggs Donahue leave the comic strip?

O Hum, Friend Husband's Work Is Never Done.

James Shores from Northampton, Mass., is in town cleaning and repairing his house.—Lyndon Center item.

The R. C. at S. H. S.

We're a jolly band, a jolly band, And we work with willing hands, We laugh and talk, we knit and we sew, As the sweaters and socks the longer grow. Oh, we've bought thrift stamps (and this with a grin) And Liberty bonds, those who could. And we've willingly helped the Y. M. C. A. Cheer the boys who are far away. So now, as we gaily sew or knit, Making socks, or helmets, or sweater, or mitt, We wish to tell you, as we may, We're helping the boys to win the day. —E. M. S. H. S., '21.

"At last night's meeting Evangelist R. S. Smith used the text, John 15:6: 'Without me you can do nothing'—to enforce the statement that Jesus Christ is the absolute need of every man, woman and child. He is necessary to real success, for success has to do with things that endure. Who succeeded, Hettie Green or Fanny Crosby? A. T. Stewart or D. L. Moody?"

We speak, in a humble way, for A. T. Stewart, although it is difficult to combat a statement for which no particulars are submitted. The implied aspersion on the memory of a man who is no sion here to defend himself hardly squares with the tolerant spirit which is supposed to mark union evangelistic services. The subject of one of Rev. Mr. Smith's invidious comparisons was an active layman in a Christian church, perhaps as militantly Christian as the church to which the evangelist owes allegiance. He left as a palpable reminder of faith a magnificent house of worship in Garden City, L. I. But what is more, he was an eminently human and sympathetic merchant who gave liberally of his substance to charity, and we believe that his works follow him. Utterances made in perfunctory moments of intensive evangelism are not always guarded.

Green Mountain Echoes.

It is rumored that the town poor farm is to be sold at public auction.—Milton item.

Thirty-five crows were seen in one tree on J. N. Shaw's farm March 1.—South Windham item.

Food prices will need an aeroplane if they soar much higher.—Grand Isle item.

Elmer White thinks it's surely a sign of spring when he can turn his cattle out to pasture March 4.—Twenty Mile Stream item.

Ernest Peck has engaged in raising Belgian hares. They multiply at the rate of 50 a year from a pair.—Weston item.

Mrs. Blanchard thought it time she was looking after her better half, so she took a trip home Thursday night.—Fitchville item.

A skunk (one of those walking on four legs)—was seen to cross the Common Tuesday evening.—Windsor item.

There were seven women at the polls and "license" got seven votes. How about it?—Alburg item.

Your correspondent and Mrs. Wilbur Spaulding were the two women attending town meeting of this town.—Bridge-water item.

Clayton Bartlett has been a good friend of the poultry raiser, having shot eight foxes this winter, several being old settlers.—Cornish item.

One woman brags she controlled 12 votes at the March meeting. Too bad all the women couldn't have stood on their own feet at the first election.—Milton item.

It was intended to have the Ananias club a rather exclusive organization, but it's no use. The trouble seems to be to find the man who isn't more or less

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The Spirit of '61

Two old veterans of '61, whose wrinkled brows and feeble steps marked the trace of lengthening years, came into the bank recently and feebly worked their way along to the War Savings window.

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The lines of their faces became drawn, their heads, a moment before bowed, were now raised, their jaws snapped together, and there was a sharp flash in their eyes. The spirit of '76 was calling to the spirit of '61. Cold Harbor, The Wilderness, Andersonville and the rolling plains of Gettysburg were again driving them on. It was the old fighting spirit that never knows defeat, again battling within them.

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qualified for membership. Anyway, that's the way it seems after listening to an evening's spinning of yarns in Currier's recreation center.—Lyndon item.

With slight variation, an old friend is contributed to The Col., as a glance somewhat south of these lines will indicate. We do not believe that our correspondent claims originality in every syllable.

My Tuesdays are meatless.
My Wednesdays are wheatless.
More eatless I find it each day.
My house, it is heatless.
My bed, it is sheetless.
My comforts are passing away.
My coffee is sweetless.
My bills are receiptless.
Each day I am poorer and wiser.
My stockings are feetless.
My trousers are seatless—
My word! How I hate the kaiser.

Conservation of it begins April 1, so why not let daylight into the Germans?

Temperance Chant.

There's a crepe on the beer vat, a lock on the still.
At Gin Rickey Corner and High Ball Hill.
Each whistle is silent, the engines are dumb.
And the wind in the pine tree sighs "It's all up with rum."

For a vacancy in the art interpretative department on Olympus The Col. votes for Alice Dance of East Charleston.

Give It Another 10 Days, Judge.

Our March thaw hung around long enough to induce an epidemic of colds, but it was arrested as it should have been.—Hensonsville item.

If there is a vacant place in the back of your watch paste this dope on the case. Our gift of prophecy is not infallible, but we like to get our predictions on paper before counter-forecasts have a chance to warp our judgment. On the Fourth of July, when the teams are cantering up the back stretch, compare the American league standing with the following table:

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Boston	New York
St. Louis	Philadelphia
Cleveland	Washington

Thanks, but we never gamble. M. S.



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